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5. [] Met with Norman Cornish and James Kronfeld, House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information staff. They told me the full Committee was unable to meet this morning due to lack of quorum and consequently the Committee report on U.S. Assistance Programs in Vietnam, which was the subject of Committee hearings in July and August 1971, was not considered. Another attempt will be made to schedule a Committee meeting for next week. Copies of the report are not available at present without the specific approval of the Chairman but a copy will be made available the earliest possible moment. From the discussion it appears that great credence was given to [] i. e. there was much less killing involved in the Phoenix Program due to a failure of military intelligence. I was told that the finger is pointed at the Defense Department and not at CIA.

6. [] Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, visited the Headquarters and finished his review and selection of documents from the OSS Indochina file. At lunch he asked [] whether we had been able to identify any of the [] reports from China. After checking he was shown the SSU Intelligence Dissemination reports that had been identified as a result of a special search. By utilizing some of these SSU Intelligence Dissemination reports he was able to cut down the number of reports and documents from the Indochina file to some nineteen which he now requests be declassified for publication in a forthcoming report by the Foreign Relations Committee. In response to his request as to the amount of time that would be necessary for the declassification of the documents we told him we did not know, that we would put them in the mill immediately but a lot of processing would be necessary to delete headings, distribution and to check names and other items of content before a final determination could be reached. He seemed satisfied with this response.

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1. [] Met briefly with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who was quite busy getting ready for the House/Senate conference on the Defense Appropriations bill. I asked him if he had heard anything further from the Chairman about his desire for a briefing on the Reserve program. Woodruff said the Chairman had been tied up with the Defense bill, but he would let us know when the briefing was desired. Woodruff mentioned in this connection that he thought one person should brief the Chairman on our Reserves and that one man should be the Director.

This is the first time I had seen Woodruff since action had been taken on the Defense bill and he told me that the Agency budget had not been cut.

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2. [] Returned to the office of Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), a letter the Senator had received from [] on the possible connection between Russian trawlers off the U. S. coasts and the incidence of poisoning of shellfish. I said this was a matter over which the Agency had no cognizance and suggested they take this up with the Navy.

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3. [] Talked to Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, and asked her when Senator Jackson will be travelling to China and whether he will be going alone or in a group. Miss Fosdick said that he has not released this information as yet and she is not free to give out any details. She did tell me he will be going in a group.

4. [] Met with Carl Marcy and Art Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and briefed them informally on an Agency Intelligence Information Report concerning the burning of 26 tons of opium in Chiang Mai, Thailand in March of this year. Mr. Marcy thanked me for the Agency's assistance in this matter and instructed Mr. Kuhl to close the Committee file on the subject.

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The Honorable
J. W. Fulbright
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Fulbright:

This is in response to your recent letter and the enclosed article from The Evening Star and Daily News concerning the burning of 26 tons of opium in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in March of this year. The article alleges the existence of secret reports which indicate that the material burned was in fact heavily diluted with foreign matter.


I am enclosing for your information a copy of my recent testimony before Senator Eastland's Subcommittee on Internal Security in which I dealt at great length with this entire incident. It will disclose among other things that Mr. Joseph C. Koles, Senior Forensic Chemist in the Bureau's Special Testing and Research Laboratory in Washington, was present prior to and during the burning of this opium together with our Regional Director, William T. Wanzeck. Mr. Koles tested each of the 319 bags taking random samples and subjecting them to scientific examination. Mr. Koles, who accompanied me in appearing before Senator Eastland's Subcommittee, testified for the record on that occasion that it would have been virtually impossible for any significant gross adulteration to escape his examination.

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The secret intelligence reports referred to may have reference to certain reports received by us from the Central Intelligence Agency which we are prohibited from forwarding to you. Nevertheless, I can assure you that all such reports dealt with unsupported rumors which have been discounted in view of the scientific procedures employed in the testing.

We are fortunate in having Mr. Wanzeck with us in the Bureau Headquarters at this time; and my Special Assistant, Mr. Haislip, will be pleased to arrange a confidential briefing for you at your convenience. In addition, we have brief excerpts of lengthy film footage which show the collection, testing, and destruction of the opium which you may wish to see.

Sincerely,



John E. Ingersoll
Director

Enclosure

General Zau Sang

Leader of the Kachin
Independence Army

Kachin State, Burma

Leads the largest insurg-
ency movement in the
area.